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SUBJECT: EXPORT AND PRODUCTION TAXES ON TIN

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MINER PAYS TIN ROYALTY TO ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT (RTG) WHEN TIN ORE IS DELIVERED TO SMELTING PLANT. TIN ROYALTY IS CALCULATED BY USING MARKET PRICE IN MALAYSIA AS BASE. THIS PRICE IS OBTAINED FROM RTG CONSULATE IN PENANG AND IS THEN CONVERTED INTO THAI CURRENCY (BAHT).

A. IF MARKET PRICE OF TIN CONCENTRATES PER PICUL (60 KG.) IS OVER 1,000 BAHT (US\$ 50), ROYALTY WILL BE 25 PER CENT OF VALUE THAT EXCEEDS 1,000 BAHT.

B. IF MARKET PRICE OF TIN CONCENTRATES PER PICUL IS LESS THAN 1,000 BAHT, NO REPEAT NO ROYALTY PAYMENT NEED BE MADE.

EXPORTER PAYS NO REPEAT NO CUSTOMS DUTY ON TIN EXPORTS, BUT MUST PAY BUSINESS TAX TO RTG AT 4.4 PER CENT ON F.O.B. PRICE.
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